NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE	CHAPTER Health Services
	STATEMENT NUMBER 6.24
SUBJECT: **HEALTH STAFF PARTICIPATION IN THE COLLECTION OF FORENSIC INFORMATION**	EFFECTIVE DATE 030/01/08
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PROPONENT: Robert MacLeod, Administrative Dir. *Name/Title*	DATED 02/15/06
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ISSUING OFFICER:	DIRECTOR'S INITIALS
	DATE
_____ *William Wrenn, Commissioner*	APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES _____ NO _____
REFERENCE NO: NONE	

I.   PURPOSE:
     To establish guidelines for the collection of forensic information.

II.   APPLICABILITY:
     To all health care staff under the supervision of the Division of Medical and Forensic Services

III.   POLICY:
     It is the policy of the Department of Corrections that health staff is prohibited from participating in the collection of forensic information, or performing psychological evaluations of inmates to be used in adversarial proceedings, with the following exceptions.

IV.   PROCEDURE:
     A.   Health Care professionals may gather evidence for forensic purposes with the written consent of the inmate or their attorney.
     B.   Health Care staff may collect bodily fluids for laboratory tests and arrange for radiology procedures with the written consent of the inmate or their attorney.
     C.   Procedures ordered by the Superior Court or higher authority will be carried out in conformance with the order.
     D.   In case of doubt, the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner will decide.
     E.   In cases not covered by the above, personnel not retained by DOC for on-site services may be utilized to perform the requested services at the expense of the requestor.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition Standards

Other

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